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1. (Amended) An antireflective article comprising a substrate having an antireflective surface and an antisoiling coating that is at least partially cured thereon; wherein the antisoiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_{f}[-R^{1}-SiY_{3-x}R^{2}_{x}]_{y}$$

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms and functional groups, and further wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 [lower] acyloxy group; Y is 0 or 1; and Y is 1 or 2.

- 2. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the antireflective surface comprises a metal oxide film having one or more metal oxides.
- 3. The antireflective article of claim 2 wherein the antireflective surface comprises a vacuum deposited metal oxide film.
- 4. The antireflective article of claim 3 wherein the antisoiling coating is at least about 15 Angstroms thick.
- 5. The antireflective article of claim 4 wherein the antisoiling coating is no greater than about 150 Angstroms thick.

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- 6. The antireflective article of claim 1 which has a first surface antireflectivity that is different by less than about 0.5 percentage units from that of the same article without the antisoiling coating.
- 7. (Amended) The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane wherein each Y is a $\underline{C_1}$ - $\underline{C_4}$ [lower] alkoxy group.
- 8. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane wherein R_f is a perfluoropolyether group.

9. (Amended) The antireflective article of claim 8 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane wherein R_f is a perfluoropolyether group comprising perfluorinated repeating units selected from the group consisting of $-(C_nF_{2n})$, $-(C_nF_{2n})$,

- $(C_nF_{2n}CF(Z)O)$ -, - $(CF_2CF(Z)O)$ -, and combinations thereof, wherein n is about 1 to about 4 and Z is a perfluoroalkyl group, an oxygen-substituted perfluoroalkyl group, a perfluoroalkoxy group, or an oxygen-substituted perfluoroalkoxy group, each of which has about 1 to about 9 carbon atoms and 0 to about 4 oxygen atoms.

10. (Amended) The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising a fluorinated silane selected from the group consisting of XCF₂O(CF₂O)_m(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, C₃F₇O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)X, XCF(CF₃)O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)X, XCF₂O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, CF₃O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, X(CF₂)₃O(C₄F₈O)_p(CF₂)₃X, and mixtures thereof, wherein:

-X is -R¹-SiY_{3-x}R²_x as defined [above in formula] <u>in claim</u> 1 or a terminal group selected from the group <u>consisting</u> of (C_nF_{2n+1}) -, $(C_nF_{2n+1}O)$ -, $(X'C_nF_{2n}O)$ -, and $[(X'C_nF_{2n+1}O)$ -]

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 $(X'C_nF_{2n})$ -, wherein X' is H, Cl, or Br, with the proviso that at least one X group per molecule is a silane, and n is 1 or more;

an average value of m is within a range of about 1 to about 50; and an average value of p is within a range of about 4 to about 40.

- 11. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein the antisoiling coating composition further includes an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether.
- 12. The antireflective article of claim 1 wherein R¹ includes about 2 to about 16 carbon atoms.

13 (Amended) An antisoiling coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether, wherein the fluorinated silane has the following formula:

$$R_{\mathcal{F}}[-R^1-\mathrm{SiY}_{3-x}R^2_x]_y$$

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms, functional groups, and halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 [lower] acyloxy group; x is 0 or 1; and y is 1 or 2.

14. (Amended) The antisoiling composition of claim 13 wherein R_f has an approximate average structure selected from the group consisting of -CF₂O(CF₂O)_{th}(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂-,

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CF(CF₃)O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)-, -CF₂O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂-, and -(CF₂)₃O(C₄F₈O)_p(CF₂)₃-, wherein m has an average value of 0 to about 50, and p has an average value of 0 to about 50, with the proviso that both m and p cannot be 0 in the same group.

15. (Amended) A method of applying an antisoiling coating to a substrate having an antireflective surface, the method comprising treating the antireflective surface with a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_{f}[R^{1}-SiY_{3-x}R^{2}_{x}]_{y}$$

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms and functional groups, and further wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 [lower] acyloxy group; Y is 0 or 1; and Y is 1 or 2.

(Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the coating composition further comprises a nonchlorinated solvent selected from the group consisting of a fluorinated alkane, an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

(Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the coating is prepared by applying a coating composition comprising a fluorinated silane selected from the group consisting of XCF₂O(CF₂O)_m(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, C₃F₇O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)X, XCF(CF₃)O(CF(CF₃)CF₂O)_pCF(CF₃)X, XCF₂O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, CF₃O(C₂F₄O)_pCF₂X, X(CF₂)₃O(C₄F₈O)_p(CF₂)₃X, and mixtures thereof, wherein:

-X is -R¹-SiY_{3-x}R²_x as defined above in [formula I] <u>claim 15</u> or a terminal group selected from the group <u>consisting</u> of (C_nF_{2n+1}) -, $(C_nF_{2n+1}O)$ -, $(X'C_nF_{2n})$ -, and $[(X'C_nF_{2n+1}O)$ -,] $(X'C_nF_{2n})$ -,

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wherein X' is H, Cl, or Br, with the proviso that at least one X group per molecule is a silane, and n is 1 or more;

an average value of m is within a range of about 1 to about 50; and an average value of p is within a range of about 4 to about 40.

- 18. The method of claim 15 wherein the antisoiling coating formed is at least about 15 Angstroms thick.
- 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the antisoiling coating formed is no greater than about 150 Angstroms thick.
- 20. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of treating comprises coating the composition at room temperature followed by heating the coated composition at a temperature of at least about 100°C.
- 21. The method of claim 15 wherein the coating composition comprising the fluorinated silane comprises less than about 2.0 weight percent of the fluorinated silane.
- 22. The method of claim 15 wherein the step of treating comprises continuously roll coating the composition onto the substrate.
- 23. The method of claim 22 wherein the step of gravure coating comprises feeding the coating composition to a doctor blade, transferring the coating composition from the doctor blade to a gravure roll, and applying the coating composition to the antireflective surface of the substrate from the gravure roll.

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- 24. The method of claim 23 wherein the step of coating the antisoiling coating composition further comprises applying a soft roll to a surface opposing the antireflective surface of the transparent substrate.
- 25. The method of claim 22 wherein the antisoiling coating composition further comprises a nonchlorinated solvent.

(Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of a fluorinated alkane, an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

- 27. The method of claim 26 wherein the solvent is an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether.
- An antireflective article made by the method of claim 22.

(Amended) An antireflective article comprising:

a transparent substrate having a first surface and a second surface; an antireflective coating on at least a portion of the first surface; and an antisoiling coating disposed on the antireflective coating, wherein the antisoiling coating comprises [comprising] siloxane groups and polyfluoropolyether segments covalently bonded to silicon via organic linking groups, wherein the polyfluoropolyether segments have a molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the organic linking groups include nitrogen atoms.

(Amended) The antireflective article of claim 29 [30] wherein the antisoiling coating has a fluorine atom to nitrogen atom ratio of about 25 to about 150.

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32. (Amended) The antireflective article of claim 29 wherein the antisoiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

 $R_{x}[-R^{1}-SiY_{3-x}R^{2}_{x}]_{y}$

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wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms, functional groups, and halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 [lower] alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 [lower] acyloxy group; X is 0 or 1; and X is 1 or 2.

- 33. The antireflective article of claim 32 wherein the R¹ group contains heteroatoms or functional groups and is optionally substituted with halides.
- 34. The antireflective article of claim 33 wherein R¹ is a divalent hydrocarbon containing at least one functional group.
- 35. The antireflective article of claim 29 wherein the transparent substrate comprises a flexible organic polymeric material.
- 36. The antireflective article of claim 35 further comprising an adhesion-enhancing coating disposed between the flexible organic polymeric substrate and the antireflective coating.
- 37. The antireflective article of claim 36 wherein the antireflective coating comprises a metal oxide film having one or more metal oxides.

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38. The antireflective article of claim 37 wherein the antireflective surface comprises a vacuum deposited metal oxide film.

(Amended) [The antireflective article of claim 35 further including] An antireflective article comprising:

a transparent substrate comprising a flexible organic polymeric material having a first surface and a second surface;

an antireflective coating on at least a portion of the first surface;

a layer of a pressure sensitive adhesive disposed on the second surface of the substrate; and

an antisoiling coating on at least a portion of the antireflective coating, wherein the antisoiling coating comprises siloxane groups and polyfluoropolyether segments covalently bonded to silicon via organic linking groups, wherein the polyfluoropolyether segments have a molecular weight of at least about 1000.

40. (New) An antireflective article comprising a substrate having an antireflective surface and an antisoiling coating that is at least partially cured thereon; wherein the antisoiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_f[-R SiY_{3-x}R^2_x]_y$$
(I)

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene groups, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms, functional groups, and halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 acyloxy group; X is 0 or 1;

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and y is 1 or 2 and further wherein the antisoiling coating composition includes an alkyl perfluoroalkyl ether.

41. (New) An antireflective article comprising a substrate having an antireflective surface and an antisoiling coating that is at least partially cured thereon; wherein the antisoiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_{\mathcal{F}}[-R^1-\mathrm{Si}Y_{3-x}R^2_x]_y$$
(I)

wherein: R_f is a divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms, functional groups, and halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 acyloxy group; X is 0 or 1; and X is 2.

42. (New) A method of applying an antisoiling coating to a substrate having an antireflective surface, the method comprising treating the antireflective surface with a coating composition comprising at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_{f}[-R^{1}-SiY_{3-x}R^{2}_{x}]_{y}$$

wherein: R_f is a divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms, functional groups, and halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 alkylene group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 acyloxy group; X is 0 or 1; and X is 2.



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(New) An antireflective article comprising a substrate having an antireflective surface and an antispiling coating that is at least partially cured thereon; wherein the antispiling coating comprises a fluorinated siloxane prepared by applying at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_{\mathcal{F}}[-R^1-SiY_{3-x}R^2_x]_y$$

(T)

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms and functional groups, and further wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 acyloxy group; X is 0 or 1; and X is 1 or 2.

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44. **(New)** A method of applying an antisoiling coating to a substrate having an antireflective surface, the method comprising treating the antireflective surface with at least one fluorinated silane having a number average molecular weight of at least about 1000 and the following formula:

$$R_{\mathcal{F}}[-R^1-SiY_{3-x}R^2_x]_y$$

(I)

wherein: R_f is a monovalent or divalent polyfluoropolyether group; R^1 is a divalent alkylene group, arylene group, or combinations thereof, wherein R^1 includes one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of heteroatoms and functional groups, and further wherein R^1 optionally includes one or more halides; R^2 is a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group; Y is a halide, a C_1 - C_4 alkoxy group, or a C_1 - C_4 acyloxy group; X is 0 or 1; and X is 1 or 2.